

### **Remarks**

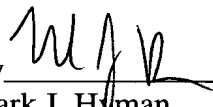
The specification has been amended to recite the specific ATCC Deposit Numbers corresponding to the deposited nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:173 and SEQ ID NO:176. Applicants note that although the parent application refers to the deposit of the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:173 and SEQ ID NO:176, these Deposit Numbers were not released to Applicants at the time of filing of the parent application. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced and entry of the instant amendment is respectfully requested.

### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe that the instant amendments should be entered, and an early notice to that effect is urged. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicants would expedite the examination of this application. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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